COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

April 5, 2007
Minutes

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. AN AUDIOCASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Community, Economic & Human Development Committee held its meeting at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.

Members Present

Barnes, Christine	City of La Palma
Chastain, Kelly	SANBAG
Dispenza, Mike	City of Palmdale
Dubois, Diana	Gateway Cities
Edney, Jon **(Chair)**	City of El Centro/IVAG
Fesmire, Melanie	CVAG
Jasper, Timothy	City of Apple Valley
Lantz, Paula	City of Pomona
Lee, Laura	Gateway Cities
McCullough, Kathryn	OCCOG
Morehouse, Carl	Ventura/VCOG
Mosca, Joseph	SGVCOG
Norby, Chris	Orange County
Nowatka, Paul	City of Torrance
Nunez, John H.	SGVCOG
Olhasso, Laura	City of Arroyo Verdugo
Ring, Bob	OCCOG
Robertson, Deborah	City of Rialto
Ten, Mike	SGVCOG
Tyler, Sid	SGVCOG
White, Charles	WRCOG

Members Not Present

Bayer, Anne	Gateway Cities
Green, Cathy	OCCOG
Coerper, Gil	City of Huntington Beach
Daigle, Leslie	OCCOG
Loveridge, Ronald	City of Riverside
McCallon, Larry	City of Highland
McSweeney, Susan	City of Westlake

Members Not Present (Cont'd)

Palmer, Jim	OCCOG
Perry, Jan	Los Angeles
Reyes, Ed	Los Angeles
Serrano, Joseph	Gateway Cities

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Jon Edney, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM. The Hon. Edney asked Council Member Tim Jasper to lead the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CEHD VICE-CHAIR

The Hon. Edney stated that the person elected as the Vice-Chair will only serve until June. In June, elections will be held for the official positions of Chair and Vice-Chair. The Hon. Edney requested nominations for the interim Vice-Chair. A **MOTION** was made to nominate the following committee members: Paula Lantz, Ron Loveridge, Christine Barnes, Larry McCallon, and Gil Coerper. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** for all nominees and **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**. A **MOTION** was made by the Hon. Charles White to close the nominations. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by the Hon. Kathryn McCullough and **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**. A **VOTE** was taken by a **SHOW OF HANDS** and **COUNTED BY JOANNA AFRICA, ACTING CHIEF COUNSEL,** and **RECORDED AS FOLLOWS:**

Paula Lantz – 10
Ron Loveridge – 3
Christine Barnes – 4
Gil Coerper – 5
Larry McCallon – 2

PAULA LANTZ WAS ELECTED INTERIM VICE-CHAIR.

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

4.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

The order of the agenda was followed.

5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

The Hon. Paula Lantz requested that Consent Item 5.2.5 be pulled for further discussion. A **MOTION** was made by the Hon. Jon Edney to **APPROVE** the Consent Calendar with the exception of 5.2.5. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by the Hon. Charles White and **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**.

The Hon. Paula Lantz stated that the reason she requested Consent Item 5.2.5 be reviewed is because one jurisdiction is taking issue with whether or not their appeal was received on time. Their contention is they turned it in on time, but SCAG has no record of this. Hon. Lantz then asked about the issue of the deadline for delegation agreements.

Ms. Lynn Harris, Manager of Community Development, responded at the request of the Chair and stated that the deadline for submitting revisions and appeals was clearly stated and addressed at several meetings, as well as being posted on SCAG's website. Ms. Harris stated that the City in question has been asked to provide evidence of delivery of their appeal. If they can provide such evidence, then SCAG will make arrangements to hear the City's appeal.

Ms. Joanna Africa, Acting Chief Counsel, responded that in approving the final delegation agreement, the Regional Council gave authority to the Executive Director or his designee to implement the delegation agreement. Ms. Africa stated that the deadline for delegation was extended to all the subregions. The final deadline is April 6, 2007 and ratification is being sought from the Regional Council today.

A **MOTION** was made by the Hon. Kathryn McCullough to **APPROVE** 5.2.5. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by the Hon. Charles White and **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 SB12 Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Pilot Program Status Report

Joe Carreras, Program Manager, stated that SB12 is now on the Governor's desk, and SCAG is very optimistic that he will sign the bill. Ms. Harris stated that June 5, 2007 is the deadline for setting a public hearing for the adoption of the final RHNA.

The opportunity to trade and transfer housing between jurisdictions remains open until the time the final RHNA is adopted. Ms. Harris stated that the Appeals

Board does not handle the trade and transfer requests; they go directly to the CEHD committee and the RC committee upon adoption of the final RHNA.

Ms. Harris went on to say that state law defines how the final RHNA is developed. SCAG has adopted a methodology to develop the draft RHNA. Per State law, if there are any appeals approved, the approved number of units will be redistributed proportionately to the other cities in the region. It does not get redistributed to those areas that accepted delegation.

The Hon. Tim Jasper requested that Ms. Harris email the trade and transfer notification to this committee and the Regional Council.

The Hon. Paula Lantz stated she is concerned that by extending the opportunity for delegation after the draft RHNA, it will dramatically affect the other subregions who are not accepting delegation.

The Hon. Carl Morehouse stated that he would recommend accepting delegation, as Ventura County has done. He believes it puts the subregion in a better position to address these concerns.

A **MOTION** was made by the Hon. Tim Jasper to recommend to the Regional Council to approve the report for submittal to the State Legislature. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by the Hon. Carl Morehouse and **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

6.2 Overview and Progress Report of the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP)

Doug Kim, SCAG consultant, presented an update on the RCP featuring a PowerPoint slide show. Mr. Kim pointed out that the RCP has not been updated in over ten years. There will be nine focal points addressed; 1) Open Space & Habitat; 2) Land Use; 3) Air Quality; 4) Water; 5) Energy; 6) Solid Waste; 7) Security & Emergency Preparedness 8) Economy; and 9) Transportation. The Plan will identify a 30-year vision to help communities achieve a sustainable future and provide long term stability. Mr. Kim stated that SCAG must take these policy plans and make sure they work for cities at the local level.

The Hon. Sid Tyler expressed concern that air-quality was not addressed in the report. Mr. Kim assured the committee that future updates will include some very clear performance standards for air-quality. The Hon. Melanie Fesmire stated that

if the regional population growth continues at the current level, these goals may not be attainable.

Mr. Kim stated that he will be providing future RCP updates to the committee as they become available.

No further direction was required.

6.3 Economy Chapter of the Regional Comprehensive Plan – Initial Performance Outcomes and Strategy

Ms. Elizabeth Delgado presented the preliminary outcomes that will be going out to the communities for the public outreach portion of the RCP. Ms. Delgado stated that the outcomes were developed by the RCP task force, and there are three addressed in the report; 1) Employment/Prosperity; 2) Income; and 3) Green Economy.

The Hon. Chris Norby stated that he is concerned about sales tax and how it distorts local land use decisions and leads to wasteful competition among cities. Hon. Norby supports deemphasizing the sales tax section and recommended this item be vigorously pursued. The Hon. Edney and the committee concurred. The Hon. Edney encouraged more discussion on this topic at a future meeting.

A **MOTION** was made by the Hon. Diane Dubois to direct staff to perform technical refinements and continue their work. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by the Hon. Christine Barnes and **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**.

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 Land Use and Housing Chapter of the Regional Comprehensive Plan – Initial Performance Outcomes and Strategy

Ms. Harris recommended to the Chair and the Committee that 7.1 be moved to the June CEHD meeting, after the Economy Chapter has been completed. The Chair and the Committee concurred.

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8.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Edney stated he believes that the Committee should utilize its time more effectively by discussing important issues in the communities, rather than spending so much time listening to reports. Chair Edney suggested including these reports and PowerPoint presentations in the member packets, so they can be read prior to the meetings. Chair Edney emphasized that the Committee has a responsibility to use these meetings as an opportunity to effect policy change. He suggested including a Committee discussion item on each agenda.

The Hon. Tim Jasper suggested that the Chair review the agenda before it is published, to ensure that pertinent items are on the agenda.

The Hon. Charles White raised the question whether or not the Committee has enough time for these discussions. The Hon. Jon Edney stated that some alternatives have been presented to the Administrative Committee. He further stated that the Committee needs to continually evaluate its effectiveness and time management.

The Hon. Paul Nowatka stated that he and Yvonne Burke are Board members of an organization known as LINC Housing. He is looking for another elected official to serve on the Board, and asked that anyone who might be interested to contact him or Mark Pisano.

9.0 STAFF REPORT

Ms. Harris stated for clarification that there will be no formal CEHD meeting at the General Assembly.

10.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Land Use and Housing Chapter of the Regional Comprehensive Plan

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Hon. Jon Edney adjourned the meeting at 11:45 AM.

Minutes Approved By:

Lynn Harris

Lynn Harris, Manager
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